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In this paper, Fitriakusumah et al. evaluated the association between SIBO and different features of the metabolic syndrome in patients with NAFLD. They differentiated NAFLD patients according to CAP-TE examination.

This is really an interesting field and the approach could be interesting. However the real aim of this study is not clear (also some preliminary data on gut microbiota are included). The lack of any histological analysis reduces the strength of the results. Finally, that SIBO has a minor role in NADLD pathogenesis is already known, due to the lack of accurate methods of examination.

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